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Their daughter, "Aunt Sally" Jones, took them into her home and cared for them until their death.

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Elisha Jones

Sarah Ann Cummings Jones

Orson Henry Lee

Rachel Ann Jones Lee

Thomas Octavious Lee

Ellen Tadwell Lee